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Forty-sixth year

Letter dated 9 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Czechoslovakia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the texts of the Communiqué of the Political Consultative Committee of the Warsaw Treaty Member States (see annex I), which held a session at Prague on 1 July 1991, and the respective Protocol on terminating the validity of the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance, signed at Warsaw on 14 May 1955, and of the Protocol on extending its validity, signed at Warsaw on 26 April 1985 (see annex II).

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I would be most grateful if you could kindly have the text of the present letter and its annexes distributed as a document of the General Assembly under items 60, 61, 62, 68 and 137 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Eduard KUKAN
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX I

C O M M U N I Q U E

the Political Consultative Committee of the Warsaw Treaty Member States held a session in Prague on July 1, 1991. Present at the talks were:

For the Republic of Bulgaria - Zhelyu Zhelev, President of the Republic of Bulgaria; Dimitri Popov, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria; Viktor Valkov, Deputy Chairman of the Council of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria.

For the Republic of Hungary - Joszef Antall, Prime Minister of the Republic of Hungary; Geza Jeszenszki, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary; Ferenc Somogyi, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary.

For the Republic of Poland - Lech Walesa, President of the Republic of Poland; Jan Krzysztof Bielecki, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Poland; Krzysztof Skubiszewski, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland.

For Romania - Ion Iliescu, President of Romania; Petre Roman, Prime Minister of Romania; Adrian Nastase, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania.

For the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics - G.I. Yanayev, Vice-President of the USSR; A.A. Bessmertnykh, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the USSR.

For the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic - Václav Havel, President of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic; Marián Čalfa, Prime Minister of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic; Jiří Dienstbier, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic.

A Protocol on terminating the validity of the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance, signed in Warsaw on May 14, 1955, and of the Protocol extending the validity of the mentioned treaty of April 26, 1985, were signed at the session. The document signed at the session is subject to ratification.

The participants of the session proclaimed the following:

They agreed the present situation in Europe is endowed with qualitatively new relations of good neighborliness, partner-ship, mutual respect and friendly cooperation among the equal and sovereign states represented at the session.

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Proceeding from the above-mentioned, they support the development of relations in all areas on a renewed bilateral contractual-and-legal basis.

They voiced support for the further development of the all European process in the interest of creating new structures of security and cooperation on the continent in accordance with the results achieved at the CSCE summit in November, 1990, and they promoted the formation of an all-European framework of cooperation in the areas of security, economics, law, culture, ecology, and the humanitarian sphere, as it was stated in the Paris Charter for a New Europe.

According to the identical views expressed by the States represented at the session - stability, prosperity and the further development of democracy based on respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in the countries of central and eastern Europe are in the interest of all participating states of the CSCE process.

The partants of the session expressed the readiness of their countries to hold, in the event of any such interest, bilateral of multilateral consultations on an ad hoc basis, on topical issues of common interest including issues linked with the fulfilment of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe.

They confirmed the provisions included in the Proclamation of the member states of the Warsaw Treaty approved at the extraordinary session of the Political Consultative Committee in Budapest, on February 25, 1991.

ANNEX II

P R O T O C O L

on terminating the validity of the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance, signed in Warsaw on May 14, 1955, and of the Protocol on extending its validity, signed in Warsaw on April 26, 1985.

the States - parties to the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance, signed in Warsaw on May 14, 1955,

oearing in mind the profound changes currently underway in Europe, which are bringing to an end the era of confrontation and division of the continent,

resolved to actively develop, in the new situation, their relations on a bilateral and, if interested, on a multilateral basis,

recalling the significance of the Joint Declaration of twenty-two states, which signed the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, and which declared that they are no longer enemies, and that they will build new relations of partnership and cooperation,

resolved to promote gradual transition to all-European security structures, in the spirit of the arrangements made at the Paris summit of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe in November, 1990,

have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance, signed in Warsaw on May 14, 1955 (henceforth referred to only as the Warsaw Treaty), and the Protocol extending the validity of the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance, signed in Warsaw on April 26, 1985, will cease to be valid on the day this Protocol enters into force.

Article 2

The Parties to this Protocol declare they claim no property towards one another, arising from the Warsaw Treaty.

Article 3

1) This protocol is subject to ratification

2) The original of the Protocol and the ratification instruments will be retained in the archives of the government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic. The government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic will inform the other Parties to this Protocol on depositing every ratification instrument.

Article 4

The Protocol will enter into force on the day when the last ratification instrument is deposited in the archives.

Done in Prague on July 1, 1991, in one copy in each of the czech, bulgarian, hungarian, polish, romanian and russian languages, with all versions having equal validity. The authorized copies of this Protocol will be given by the government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic to all other Parties to this Protocol.

For the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic

Václav Havel
President of the Czech and Slovak
Federal Republic

For the Republic of Bulgaria

Zhelyu Zhelev
President of the Republic of Bulgaria

For the Republic of Hungary

Jozsef Antall
Prime Minister of the Republic of Hungary

For the Republic of Poland

Lech Walesa
President of the Republic of Poland

For Romania

Ion Iliescu
President of Romania

For the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics

G.I.Yanayev
Vice-President of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics